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**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application.

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter of claims 1-14.

Please add claims 15-34 as shown below.

The following listing of claims 1-34 will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) A radio communication system, comprising:

a primary station operable to transmit a random access channel status message indicating an availability of random access channel resources;

a plurality of secondary stations operable to receive the random access channel status message, wherein each secondary station is further operable to request a random access channel resource based on the random access channel status message; and

wherein said primary station is further operable to dynamically allocate bit rates to at least one random access channel in response to at least one request for at least random access channel resource from said plurality of secondary stations.

16. (New) The radio communication system of claim 15,

wherein the random access channel status message further indicates which data rates are available on a first random access channel.

17. (New) The radio communication system of claim 15,

wherein the random access channel status message further indicates a highest data rate available on a first random access channel.

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18. (New) The radio communication system of claim 15,  
wherein the random access channel status message is transmitted by said  
primary station as a part of a paging indicator channel.
19. (New) The radio communication system of claim 15,  
wherein the random access channel status message is transmitted by said  
primary station as a part of an acquisition indicator channel.
20. (New) A primary station, comprising:  
means for transmitting a random access channel status message to a plurality  
of secondary stations, wherein the random access channel status message indicates an  
availability of random access channel resources; and  
means for dynamically allocating bit rates to random access channels in  
response to at least one request from said plurality of secondary stations for at least  
one random access channel resource based on the random access channel status  
message.
21. (New) The primary station of claim 20,  
wherein the random access channel status message further indicates which  
data rates are available a first random access channel.
22. (New) The primary station of claim 20,  
wherein the random access channel status message further indicates a highest  
data rate available on a first random access channel.
23. (New) The primary station of claim 20,  
wherein the random access channel status message is transmitted by said  
primary station as a part of a paging indicator channel.
24. (New) The primary station of claim 20,

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wherein the random access channel status message is transmitted by said primary station as a part of an acquisition indicator channel.

25. (New) A secondary station, comprising:

means for receiving a random access channel status message from a primary station, wherein the random access channel status message indicates an availability of random access channel resources and further indicates a dynamic allocation of bit rates to random access channels by the primary station; and

means for requesting a first random access channel based on the random access channel status message.

26. (New) The secondary station of claim 25,

wherein the random access channel status message further indicates which data rates are available a first random access channel.

27. (New) The secondary station of claim 25,

wherein the random access channel status message further indicates a highest data rate available on a first random access channel.

28. (New) The secondary station of claim 25,

wherein the random access channel status message is transmitted by the primary station as a part of a paging indicator channel.

29. (New) The secondary station of claim 25,

wherein the random access channel status message is transmitted by the primary station as a part of an acquisition indicator channel.

30. (New) A radio communication method, comprising:

operating a primary station to transmit a random access channel status message indicating the availability of random access channel resources;

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operating a plurality of secondary stations to receive the random access channel status message;

operating at least one secondary station to request a random access channel resource based on the random access channel status message; and

operating the primary station to dynamically allocate bit rates to at least one random access channel in response to at least one request for at least one random access channel resource from the plurality of secondary stations.

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31. (New) The radio communication method of claim 30,  
wherein the random access channel status message further indicates which data rates are available a first random access channel.
  32. (New) The radio communication method of claim 30,  
wherein the random access channel status message further indicates a highest data rate available on a first random access channel.
  33. (New) The radio communication method of claim 30,  
wherein the random access channel status message is transmitted by the primary station as a part of a paging indicator channel.
  34. (New) The radio communication method of claim 30,  
wherein the random access channel status message is transmitted by the primary station as a part of an acquisition indicator channel.
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